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State's Building Code Expert to Discuss New Green Regulations at Green California Summit

Sacramento, CA – California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Assistant Deputy Director Doug Hensel will lead a discussion of California's new green building codes – the first in the nation designed to lighten carbon footprints and lower energy and water consumption – at the Green California Summit in Sacramento today.

The code was adopted by the California Building Standards Commission (BSC) last summer. The majority of the measure will become effective concurrently with the 2010 California Building Code

"Once again, California is leading the way towards a more sustainable future. This new code provides cost-effective guidelines that will be beneficial to every home throughout the state," Director Jacobs said.

In Wednesday's afternoon session, at the Sacramento Convention Center, Mr. Hensel will outline how the code will provide a framework for reducing energy consumption and increasing the state's sustainability. The discussion will also explain the importance of statewide building standards that reduce water use, improve air quality, conserve energy, reduce our carbon footprint and help mitigate the effects of global climate change.

The Green California Summit has been underway all week. For more information, visit <http://www.green-technology.org>.

HCD provides leadership, policies and programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians. The Department also works to implement and enforce building and maintenance standards that promote, preserve, and expand safe, durable, affordable, and accessible housing throughout California. As the lead housing department, HCD is part of the state Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

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